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Please forward this email message to Commissioner Irving so he has a chance to review it prior to the Commissioners Meeting on Wednesday. In advance, thank you.

Mr. James Irving, Commissioner
San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

October 3, 2016

Dear Commissioner Irving,

Hello from the Silicon Valley chapter of 350.org, the largest international grassroots organization focused totally on climate change. 350.org was instrumental in convincing our government to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. After several years of rallies, marches, protests, letters, and hearings, the climate action community that we are part of prevailed.

Our mission is based on the universally accepted premise that in order for the planet to keep warming to less than 2 degrees Centigrade, we need to keep the known deposits of fossil fuels in the ground by drastically reducing CO2 emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. New studies show* that if we burn all the carbon in active fields and mines we will exceed this temperature limit, and we certainly cannot exploit **any** new sources such as the tar sands fields in North Dakota or Alberta..

So, the purpose of this letter is to ask you to take this **global environmental impact factor** into account as you finalize your decision on the Phillips proposal to bring tar sands oil to the Santa Maria refinery. A brand new report** by Oil Change International states; *"No new fossil fuel extraction or transportation infrastructure should be built, and governments should grant no new permits for them."* The report explains in the Executive Summary on page 7 why it is critical to stop the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure development such as the Phillips Spur.

A second point is our health and safety concern of a derailment and fire within the city of San Jose, the state's 3rd largest city. The San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors previously submitted letters in opposition to the proposal.

Recently, the cities of Oakland and Benecia, after years of discussion and debate, rejected 2 major fossil fuel terminal proposals (one coal , one oil). Please factor into your decision the California, the national, and the global impacts of continuing to extract, transport, and process more oil, and the determined efforts of Californians to resist the expansion of fossil fuel facilities. Please vote to reject and to bring an end to this proposal now.

Sincerely,

Stewart Plock and all members of the
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*Re-calculating the Climate Math by Bill McKibben, 350.org founder
https://newrepublic.com/article/136987/recalculating-climate-math?utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit

**Sep 2016 report- Why The Paris Climate Goals Require a Managed Decline Of Fossil Fuel Production http://priceofoil.org/content/uploads/2016/09/OCI_the_skys_limit_2016_FINAL_2.pdf